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- 1. A number of Ilyushin B33 armored planes—have been exported to one of the Arab countries. This export plane has special breathing apparatus, although it is intended for low flights. The Czech constructors say they do not know why it is installed. The armor plate is 14 mm. thick, is made of a steel—Zetal (sic) alloy and will resist projectiles up to 50 mm. caliber. The wings are 12.4 meters long and their joint span is 16 meters. An extra 32 mm. cannon is mounted in the center of the propeller, directly inside the shaft.
- 2. A total of 20 IL 10 armored planes are being produced per month by the factory of the Avia Mational Corporation, Letnany. This plane is equipped with rocket guns and light 9.73 machine guns. Its speed is 480 km. per hour. It is fully armored except for the tail area which is made of wood and therefore vulnerable. The gunner's tower is of triplex glass. These planes are tested on the Brno and Prostejov airfields. The IL 10 planes are also packed in crates and shipped to an Arab country.
- 3. A consignment of other planes is due in Czechoslovakia from the USSR, also for crating and shipping 50X1-HUM
- 4. MIG jet planes are being produced by the aircraft factory at Letnany. The engines for the MIG planes were originally manufactured in the USSR, but it has now been decided that the Walter Works at Jinonice³ produce better engines, and they are being made there. The MIG produced at Letnany has two 26 mm. guns and one 36 mm. gun. They are aimed only by the direction of flight of the plane. Six MIG planes have been produced at Letnany up to March 1952

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